

2009 CCA CarveAlong East Sponsored by the Mystic Carvers Club

The Mystic Carvers Club is pleased to announce their sponsorship of the 2009 CCA CarveAlong East, to be held Friday evening through Monday afternoon, May 22, 23, 24 and 25 (Memorial Day weekend). The site will be the Alton B. Jones Annex of the University of Rhode Island, which is located on 2200 acres of woodlands and ponds, conveniently reached a few miles off of I-95 at exit 5B in West Greenwich, RI (see <http://www.uri.edu/ajc/eec/facset.html>). Our Package price this year is \$350.00, which includes the classes, room and all meals and snacks.

The Award-Winning CCA Instructor Members scheduled in 2009 are:

Desiree Hajny – A full-time carver since 1985, Desiree is currently an emeritus member of the Caricature Carvers of America. She was an original member of the organization in its inception. She has written six books on carving and contributed to another six. In 2003 she was named Carver of the Year by Woodcarving Illustrated. While still competing, she garnered seventeen Best of Show awards and People's Choice awards and over one hundred first place awards. Desiree continues to travel through North America instructing, serving as a judge in competitions and giving talks on her art.

Pete LeClair – A resident of Gardner, Massachusetts, he began carving caricatures in 1973. In 1978 he started teaching carving., and he has since taught seminars throughout the US, and also in Britain, Canada, and Australia. In 1990 Pete started showing his caricatures at woodcarving shows and he was elected to the CCA in 1994. Pete is also the author of three books, *Carving Caricature Heads & Faces*, *Carving Caricature Figures from Scratch* and *Carving Caricature Busts*. Pete was a driving force behind our first CarveAlong in 2005, and we are delighted to have him instructing at our 5th event!

Joe Schumacher – After years of watching carvers at Silver Dollar City, Joe wanted to try, but thought that he could do it. After 20 years of hearing this lame excuse, his wife gave him a set of carving tools in 1990 so that he would try it. Soon he was involved with several clubs, and was the seminar chairman for 7 years with the Belleville Holzschnitzers, so he knows the benefit of taking classes and practicing. Joe enjoys watching people's expressions as they look at his caricature carvings to see if they get the idea he's trying to get across. He starts his original pieces up as drawings or in clay.

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On Friday when you arrive there will be a self-serve meal available. Friday evening we will have introductions and an informal get acquainted session. We'll be happy to accommodate anyone who would like to make announcements or give a talk. You'll be hearing more about other evening activities at a later date. Please bring along a carving for the "show and tell" table in the main dining room.

There will be separate cabins for men and women. While the cabins are rustic, they are of newer construction with nice showers and lavatories, and comfortable twin sized bunk beds. Only lower bunks will be used. Attendees should bring their own sheets, pillow, blankets/sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, insect repellent, shower shoes, band-aids, and flashlight. Bring ear plugs if snoring keeps you awake.

The dining hall is open 24 hours a day with beverages and snacks continuously available at no additional charge. Meals are good, and food is plentiful. Vegetarian meal requests can be accommodated. There are picnic tables outside the facility which can be used for carving in good weather. Canoes and a paddle boat can be used at no cost on a nearby pond. Numerous walking trails meander through the woods.

The format will be three groups of 11 carvers each, with each group spending one day with each of the featured carving instructors. Accordingly, registration is limited to the first 33 who respond.

If you have further questions please feel free to call Ed Ertel at 860-875-6187, or e-mail at erteled@yahoo.com. You can write to Ed at 65 Loehr Road, Tolland, CT 06084. An alternative contact is Paul Stuewer, at 845-242-3231 or e-mail at duck3416@aol.com.

Total Registration Fee is \$350 – see below for details

2009 CCA CarveAlong East
Memorial Day weekend, May 22, 23, 24, 25

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____ (required for cabin assignment)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

Emergency contact person _____ Phone# _____

Vegetarian Meals requested? Yes _____ No _____

Registration is limited to the first 33 carvers, in the order their registrations are received. (Remember, last year was a sell-out!) If you are not in this group, do you wish to have your name placed on a limited waiting list, with your deposit held? Yes _____ No _____

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$ _____*.

*If registering before April 15, 2009, you have the option of paying an initial deposit of at least \$200, with the balance due on or before April 15th. The total fee is \$350.00, which does not include blanks. Enclose your check payable to Mystic Carvers Club, and mail to Mystic Carvers Club, c/o Ed Ertel, 65 Loehr Road, Tolland, CT 06084. Local people not wanting to sleep over at URI or those desiring to get local motel accommodations may pay \$60 less. Any blanks used can be purchased directly from the instructor during the class. A map, directions and check-in information will be provided with the acknowledgment of your registration.

Refund Policy: Full refund if we are notified by April 15, 2009. After that date a refund should not be expected, but some portion may be able to be refunded depending on our finding someone to fill your spot.

RVers NOTE: some RV parking is available, hookups are not. Inquire if interested.

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For administrative use only by registrar:

Registrant has been assigned to:

_____ Group A – Saturday, Desiree Hajny; Sunday, Pete LeClair; Monday, Joe Schumacher.

_____ Group B – Saturday, Pete LeClair; Sunday Joe Schumacher; Monday, Desiree Hajny.

_____ Group C – Saturday, Joe Schumacher; Sunday, Desiree Hajny; Monday, Pete LeClair.